trouble to collect all the required information with regard to the present financial position from the district boards. Originally, in answer to various previous questions on the subject and also during the debate on the Bill for the abolition of taluk boards, figures were supplied to the House showing the estimated savings."

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Apart from giving actual figures of savings, does the Government feel that the abolition of the taluk boards has been justified by any saving that has been as a matter of fact effected? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" There has been a saving and the financial position of the district boards has improved as a result of it."

District boards proposed for bifurcation during the year 1936.

* 244 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the district boards are which are proposed to be bifurcated in the course of the year 1936;

(*b*) on what principles and in which order the bifurcation will be taken up; and

(*c*) whether the bifurcations will be completed in respect of these district boards before the new general elections come in?

A.—(*a*) It has not yet been decided what district boards should be bifurcated in 1936.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" Apart from the districts which have so far been bifurcated, may I ask, Sir, in how many cases investigation has been commenced with a view to bifurcation in the near future? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" Investigations are going on with regard to Chingleput, North Arcot and Ganjam."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" Is there no investigation with regard to Salem? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I have mentioned the three districts with regard to which investigation is going on."

Proposal to postpone the elections to the District Boards of Trichinopoly and South Arcot.

* 245 *Q.*—Mrs. A. RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Trichinopoly and South Arcot District Board elections will be postponed to January next year; and

(*b*) if so, what the reasons are that prevail with the Government for such postponement?

A.—(*a*) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(*b*) The question does not arise.